

Amendments to the Specification

On page 1 of the Specification, please amend the title to read:

SCHEDULING SYSTEM FOR PERIPHERAL READINESS PROTOCOL

On Page 1 of the Specification, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 16 to read:

the The wait-time problem is solved in the prior art, at least in part, by allowing an administrator of an MFP to modify the power save mode on the MFP. For example, the MFP can be set to remain active, *i.e.*, not power off, even if it is not in use, eliminating the need for a warming cycle. Alternatively an MFP user can send a “warm-up” command to the MFP, as described in U.S. Patent No. 5,930,551, to Nakazato *et al.*, granted July 27, 1999, for *Printing system alleviating timing problems due to warm-up and paper outage*, describes a printing system alleviating timing problems due to warm-up and paper outage. According to a second aspect of the invention, before starting to prepare the data for the first page, the host computer sends the MFP a warm-up command, causing the MFP to commence preparations for printing. This warm-up command however is sent just prior to printing and is not scheduled.